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**RESPONSE TO THE NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS**

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In response to the **NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)**, which was mailed by the Patent Office on January 25, 2008, submitted herewith are:

- ☒ Declaration for Patent Application and Power of Attorney (2 pages);
- ☒ A copy of the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371) (2 pages);

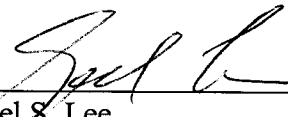
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**TOTAL FEES:** **\$ 65.00**

Respectfully submitted,

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The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as an Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495):

- Indication of Small Entity Status
- Priority Document
- Copy of the International Application filed on 10/16/2006
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 10/16/2006
- Copy of IPE Report filed on 10/16/2006
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 10/16/2006
- Small Entity Statement filed on 10/16/2006
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 10/16/2006
- Priority Documents filed on 10/16/2006
- Specification filed on 10/16/2006
- Claims filed on 10/16/2006
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The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

**SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:**

Total additional fees required for this application is \$65 for a Small Entity:

- \$65 Surcharge.

**ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.**

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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